

As an Amateur Radio operator, I ask the FCC to look at the interference possibilities to the amateur service. Amateur service saves lives, through skywarn and severe weather/tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. Phone and power lines go down, computers fail at 911 dispatch centers, amateur operators are there, with their own equipment ready to volunteer their time to fill in when others fail.

Some may look at this as a hobby, but it is much more than that. When we are on the air, whether using CW or Voice, that is our practice. Field day is using alternate power sources and making contacts, again, practicing our skills.

The last thing that we as a nation want to do is jeopardize our emergency communications just because a business wants to provide internet service. With the acts of terrorism and homeland security, I want to know that if those BPL lines come crashing down, we have alternate sources of communications available that even cell phones can't match.

I would like to thank the FCC for the frequencies that they have allowed the amateur service to use, and I ask that you protect this service that we provide for all it is worth.

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